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Curriculum Vitae

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**Personal:** Born 13 December 1938, in Schenectady, New York. Married to Margaret Dancy.

**Education:** Ohio Wesleyan University, 1956-1960; B.A. (philosophy), 1960.  
Harvard University, 1960-1962; M.A. (philosophy), 1962.  
Oxford University, 1962-1963 (year's study on a Harvard grant).  
Harvard University, 1963-1964; Ph.D. (philosophy), 1966. Dissertation: "Possibility and Eternity in Aristotle" (Widener Library, Harvard University).

**Research Interests:**

Ancient Greek philosophy; philosophy of language; metaphysics; Heidegger.

**Awards, Fellowships, Honors:**

Phi Beta Kappa, Ohio Wesleyan University, 1960.  
Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship, 1960-1961.  
Harvard University Fellowship, 1961-1962.  
Frank M. Knox Memorial Traveling Fellowship, 1962-1963.  
Woodrow Wilson Dissertation Fellowship, 1964.  
Proctor & Gamble Faculty Fellowship, Princeton University, 1966.  
Summer Research Grant, Florida State University, 1981.  
Teaching Incentive Program Award, Florida State University, 1994.

**Professional Appointments:**

Undergraduate Fellow, Ohio Wesleyan University, 1958-1960.  
Teaching Fellow, Harvard University, 1961-1962, 1963-1964.  
Instructor, Princeton University, 1964-1966.  
Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh, 1966-1970.  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Johns Hopkins University, Fall 1970.  
Associate Professor, Cornell University, 1971-1975.  
Associate Professor, Florida State University, 1975-1977.  
Visiting Associate Professor, University of Virginia, 1977-1978.  
Professor, Florida State University, 1978-present.  
(with Courtesy Professorship in Classics, 1982-present).  
Visiting Professor, Johns Hopkins University, Spring 1985.  
Visiting Professor, University of Virginia, Spring 1989.  
Chair, Department of Philosophy, Florida State University, July 1993-August 2004.

## PUBLICATIONS

### Books:

- Sense and Contradiction: A Study in Aristotle*. Dordrecht: D. Reidel, 1975.  
*Two Studies in the Early Academy*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1991.  
 Editor, *Kant and Critique: New Essays in Honor of W.H. Werkmeister*. Dordrecht: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 1993.  
*Plato's Introduction of Forms*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2004.

### Articles:

- "Agreement and Privacy," *Journal of Philosophy* 67 (1969), 561-580.  
 "Matter: Aristotle and Chappell" (Abstract), *Journal of Philosophy* 70 (1973), 698-699.  
 "On Some of Aristotle's First Thoughts About Substances," *Philosophical Review* 84 (1975), 338-373.  
 "On Some of Aristotle's Second Thoughts About Substances: Matter," *Philosophical Review* 87 (1978), 372-413. Reprinted in T. Irwin, ed., *Studies in Greek and Roman Philosophy* (Garland Publishing, 1995), Vol. 6, pp. 52-93.  
 "Model Behavior" (Abstract), *Journal of Philosophy* 75 (1978), 677-679.  
 "Aristotle and the Priority of Actuality," in S. Knuuttila, ed., *Reforging the Great Chain of Being* (D. Reidel, 1981), 73-115.  
 "Aristotle and Existence," *Synthese* 54 (1983), 409-442. Reprinted in S. Knuuttila and J. Hintikka, eds., *The Logic of Being: Historical Studies* (Dordrecht: D. Reidel, 1985), pp. 49-80.  
 "Alien Concepts," *Synthese* 56 (1983), 283-300.  
 "The One, the Many, and the Forms: *Philebus* 15b1-8," *Ancient Philosophy* 4 (1984), 160-193.  
 "Theaetetus' First Baby: *Theaetetus* 151e-160e," *Philosophical Topics* 15(2) (1987), 61-108.  
 "Thales, Anaximander, and Infinity," *Apeiron* 22(3) (1989), 149-190.  
 "Ancient Non-Beings: Speusippus and Others," *Ancient Philosophy* 9 (1989), 207-243.  
 "Keeping Body and Soul Together: On Aristotle's Theory of Forms," in W. Wians, ed., *Aristotle's Philosophical Development: Problems and Prospects* (Rowman and Littlefield, 1996), pp. 249-287.  
 "The Categories of Being in Plato's *Sophist* 255c-e," *Ancient Philosophy* 19 (1999), 45-72.  
 "The Limits of Being in the *Philebus*," *Apeiron* 40 (2007), 35-70.

### Review Essays:

- "On *A History of Women Philosophers*, Vol. 1," *Hypatia* 4(1) (1989), 160-171.  
 Critical Study of T.H. Irwin, *Aristotle's First Principles*. *Ancient Philosophy* 11 (1991), 447-454.  
 "With Friends, 'More is Going On than Meets the Eye': A Discussion of Terry Penner and Christopher Rowe, *Plato's Lysis*," *Oxford Studies in Ancient Philosophy* 31 (Winter 2006), 323-347.

### Invited Articles:

- "The Academy," "Euclides of Megara," "Eudemos," "Eudoxus of Cnidos," "The Megarian School," "Speusippus," "Xenocrates," "Stilpo." Article in D.J. Zeyl, ed., *The Encyclopedia of Classical Philosophy* (Westport, CT: Greenwood Publishing, 1997).  
 "Aristotle." Article in Robert L. Arrington, ed., *The Blackwell Companion to the Philoso-*

- phers* (Blackwell Publishers, 1999), pp. 132-42; reprinted in Robert L. Arrington, ed., *The World's Great Philosophers* (Blackwell Publishers, 2003), pp. 9-22.
- “Speusippus”; “Xenocrates.” Articles in Edward N. Zalta, ed., *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2003) (Stanford University online publication).
- “Hintikka, Aristotle, and Existence.” Chapter in Randall E. Auxier and Lewis Hahn, eds., *The Philosophy of Jaakko Hintikka* [Library of Living Philosophers, vol. 30] (Open Court Publishing, 2006), pp. 311-328.
- “Platonic Definitions and Forms.” Chapter in Hugh H. Benson, ed., *A Companion to Plato* [Blackwell Companions to Philosophy] (Blackwell Publishers, 2006), pp. 70-84.

### Book Reviews:

- Review of F.J.E. Woodbridge, *Aristotle's Vision of Nature*. In *Dialogue* (Canada) 5 (1966), 272-276.
- Review of Paul F. Conen, *Die Zeittheorie des Aristoteles*. In *Philosophical Review* 76 (1967), 120-123.
- Review of Gidon Gottlieb, *The Logic of Choice*. In *University of Pittsburgh Law Review* 30 (1968), 432-435.
- Review of Steven M. Cahn, *Fate, Logic, and Time*. In *Philosophical Review* 78 (1969), 537-539.
- Review of Guido Küng, *Ontology and the Logistic Analysis of Language*. In *New Scholasticism* 43 (1969/70), 174-178.
- Review of M. Burnyeat et al., *Notes on Book Zeta of Aristotle's Metaphysics*. In *Philosophical Review* 91 (1982), 112-115.
- Review of R. Sorabji, *Time, Creation and the Continuum*. In *Philosophical Review* 95 (1986), 290-292.
- Review of Voula Tsouna, *The Epistemology of the Cyrenaic School*. In *Philosophical Review* 112 (2003), 409-413.
- Review of Dominic Scott, *Plato's Meno*. In *Philosophy in Review* 27 (2007), 298-300.
- Review of George E. Karamanolis, *Plato and Aristotle in Agreement? Platonists on Aristotle from Antiochus to Porphyry*. In *Journal of the History of Philosophy* 46 (2008), 634-636.

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Commentator on Robert S. Turnbull, “Plato's Repudiation of the ‘Separation’ of Forms in *Parmenides* 127B-135C,” conference on Plato's *Parmenides*, University of Massachusetts (Amherst), October 1969.
- Commentator on Peter Machamer, “Aristotle's Concept of Place,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 69th Annual Meeting, Boston, December 1972.
- Florida State University Department of Philosophy Colloquium presentations: approx. 1 per year, 1975-present.
- Speaker in Symposium on Aristotle's Concept of Matter, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 70th Annual Meeting, New York, December 1975.
- Commentator on José A. Benardete, “How to Dispense with Justice: Aristotle's Seven Ways,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 72nd Annual Meeting, New York, December 1975.

- Commentator on Michael Frede, "Categories in Aristotle," The Chapel Hill Colloquium, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, September 1978.
- Commentator on Allan Gibbard and Hal R. Varian, "Economic Models," American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 75th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 1978.
- Commentator on Jaakko Hintikka, "Kant and the Ontological Argument," Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, October 1980.
- Commentator on Douglas Berggren, "Transcendental Idealism and Eliminative Materialism," Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, October 1980.
- Commentator on Ian Mueller, "*Parmenides* 130a9-134e6 and the Doctrine of Forms," Princeton University Annual Colloquium in Classical Philosophy, December 1980.
- "Aristotle and Existence," paper presented at Florida State University Colloquium on The Philosophy of Language, May 1981.
- "Alien Concepts," paper presented at Florida State University Colloquium on Wittgenstein, April 1982.
- "Aristotle's Theory of Forms," paper presented at Conference on Aristotle's Metaphysics and Epistemology, Florida State University, January 1983.
- Commentator on Edward Halper, "*Metaphysics* Z 4-5: An Argument from Addition," American Philosophical Association, Western Division, 81st Annual Meeting, Chicago, April 1983.
- Chair, Aristotle Colloquium, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 80th Annual Meeting, Boston, December 1983.
- Chair, Colloquium on the Logic of Modalities, American Philosophical Association, Western Division, 82nd Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, April 1984.
- "Predication and Immanence: Anaxagoras, Plato, Eudoxus, and Aristotle," paper presented at American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 81st Annual Meeting, New York, December 1984, at meeting of Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy.
- "Ancient Non-Beings: Speusippus and Others," paper presented at Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, November 1985.
- Commentator on David Charles, "Aristotle's Materialism," Princeton University Classical Philosophy Colloquium, December 1985.
- Commentator on Jaakko Hintikka, "The Fallacy of Fallacies," Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, November 1986.
- Visiting Philosopher under the auspices of the Council for Philosophical Studies, Atlantic Christian College, Wilson, NC, October 1987. Lecture: "Plato's Academy: Heresy and Orthodoxy."
- "Ancient Non-Beings: Speusippus and Others," paper presented at Texas A&M University, November 1987.
- "Thales, Anaximander, and Infinity," paper presented at Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, November 1987.
- Faculty Member, Summer Institute on Aristotle's Metaphysics, Biology, and Ethics (funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities), University of New Hampshire, Durham, June-July 1988.
- "Aristotle on the Identity of Things with their Essences," paper presented at Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Tallahassee, November 1988.
- "Old Academic Categories," paper presented at Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, November 1989; at Villanova University, February 1990; at the University of Chicago, October 1990.

- “Aristotle’s *Metaphysics*: System vs. Development,” Public Lecture, Villanova University, February 1990.
- “The Forms of Recollection: *Phaedo* 72-78,” paper presented at Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, November 1990.
- “Keeping Body and Soul Together: Aristotle’s Theory of Forms,” paper presented at conference, “New Studies in Aristotle’s Philosophical Development,” Boston University, January 1992.
- “Empedocles, Poetry, and Philosophy,” paper presented at Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Panama City, November 1992.
- Chair, Aristotle Colloquium, American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division, 89th Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., December 1992.
- Commentator on Leon Golden, “Plato on Poetry: Exploring the Ambiguities,” Joint Classics/Philosophy Colloquium, Florida State University, November 1993.
- “It’s All In a Good Cause: *Phaedo* 95-107,” paper presented at Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, November 1993.
- Session Chair, “Aristotle,” Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, October 1994.
- “Old Academic Categories” (revised), paper presented at Princeton University Classical Philosophy Colloquium, December 1994.
- “*De Motu Animalium* 4.699<sup>b</sup>17-21: Aristotle and the Space Aliens,” Presidential Address, Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Tampa, November 1995.
- “Forms and Numbers: Plato’s ‘Unwritten Doctrines’,” invited paper, Symposium on Plato’s philosophy, American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Pacific Division, Seattle, March 1996. Also invited presentation at Annual Conference of Scottish Association for Classical Philosophy, Edinburgh, June 1996; also presented (revised) at Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Ocala, November 1996, and at University of Florida Dept. of Philosophy Colloquium, Gainesville, March 1997.
- “The Categories of Being in Plato’s *Sophist* (255c-e),” paper presented at Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, November 1997.
- “Aristotle and the Differentiation of Being,” paper presented at Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Tallahassee, November 1998.
- Session Chair, “Epistemology,” Florida Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, November 1998.
- Commentator on William Wians, “Knowledge and Non-Contradiction in Aristotle,” American Philosophical Association Annual Meeting, Central Division, New Orleans, April 1999.
- Keynote address: “Forms and Numbers: Plato’s ‘Unwritten Doctrines’,” presented at 23rd Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Fort Worth, Texas, March 2000.
- Organizer, 24th Annual Workshop in Ancient Philosophy, Tallahassee, April 2001.
- “The Beginning of a Likely Story: Plato’s *Timaeus* 27e-28b,” presented at annual meeting of the Florida Philosophical Association, Stetson University, November 2001.
- “Forms and Numbers: Plato’s ‘Unwritten Doctrines’” (revised), invited presentation, University of Virginia, December 2001.
- Symposium moderator, “Plato’s *Parmenides*,” American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division Annual Meeting, Seattle, March 2003.
- “Aristotle and the Identity of Things with Their Essences,” invited paper, Werkmeister Conference on Aristotle: From *Metaphysics* to *Ethics*, Florida State University, March 2003.
- “What Are Friends For, Anyway? *Lysis* 216c-221d,” invited paper, International Socrates

- Symposium, Texas Christian University, April 2004.
- “A ‘Socratic Paradox’: *Meno* 77b-79e,” paper presented at 50th Annual Meeting of the Florida Philosophical Association, Jacksonville, November 2004.
- “The Limits of Being in the *Philebus*,” invited paper presented at Invited Symposium: Plato’s *Philebus*, 79th Annual Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Pacific Division, San Francisco, March 2005.
- Response to symposiasts, Symposium on R.M. Dancy’s *Plato’s Introduction of Forms*, 51st Annual Meeting of the Florida Philosophical Association, Cocoa Beach, November 2005.
- “Scharle on the Matter of Aristotle,” response to Margaret E. Scharle, “Aristotle’s Synchronic Justification of Prime Matter,” 104th Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, April 2007.
- “Knowing and Being: Plato’s Extension of the Theory of Forms in *Republic* V 475-480,” Colloquium presentation, Department of Philosophy, University of Florida, November 2007.
- “A Chat with Plato’s Cavemen,” presented at 53rd Annual Meeting of the Florida Philosophical Association, Tallahassee, November 2007.
- “Toward Understanding Vowel Forms in Plato’s *Sophist*,” invited presentation, 14th Annual Arizona Colloquium in Ancient Philosophy: Plato’s *Sophist* and *Statesman*, Tucson, February 2009.
- “Connolly on How Things Change in the *Republic*,” response to Tim Connolly, “The Trouble with Becoming in Plato’s *Republic*,” 106th Meeting of the American Philosophical Association, Central Division, Chicago, February 2009.

### **MAJOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICE (last 15 years)**

- Chair, Department of Philosophy, Florida State University, 1993-2004.
- Chair of the Editorial Committee (Editor), *Social Theory and Practice*, 1994-2005.
- Member, Editorial Committee, *Social Theory and Practice*, 2005-present.
- Vice-President, Florida Philosophical Association, 1994.
- President, Florida Philosophical Association, 1995.
- Chair, Humanities Area Administrative Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Florida State University, 1995-2004.
- Chair, Humanities Area Promotion and Tenure Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, Florida State University, 1996-2004.

### **COURSES TAUGHT (last 15 years)**

#### **Undergraduate:**

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|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Plato and His Predecessors | Beginning Greek (Dept. of Classics) |
| Aristotle to Augustine     | Philosophy of Language              |
| Philosophy of Mind         | Existentialism: Heidegger           |
| Knowledge and Belief       | Philosophy of Music                 |
| Wittgenstein and Quine     | Beginnings of Analytic Philosophy   |

#### **Graduate:**

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| Aristotle's <i>Metaphysics</i> ZHΘ         | Plato's Theory of Forms                |
| Plato's Early Dialogues and <i>Phaedo</i>  | Aristotle's <i>Posterior Analytics</i> |
| Realism in Science and Mathematics         | Hellenistic Philosophy                 |
| Aristotle's <i>De Anima</i>                | The Eleatics and Empedocles            |
| Greek Epistemology: Democritus to Plato    | Wittgenstein                           |
| Greek Epistemology: Plato & the Sceptics   | Aristotle's <i>Ethics</i>              |
| Anti-Realism and Skepticism                | Plato's <i>Philebus</i>                |
| Aristotle's Logic                          | Plato's "Unwritten Doctrines"          |
| Introduction to Philosophical Methods      | Plato's <i>Parmenides</i>              |
| Aristotle's <i>Metaphysics</i> and Biology | Heraclitus and Parmenides              |
| Heidegger's <i>Being and Time</i>          | Realism and Objectivity                |
| Plato's <i>Timaeus</i>                     | Socratic Definitions                   |
| Plato's <i>Theaetetus</i>                  | Aristotle's Essentialism               |

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Philosophical Association  
Society for Ancient Greek Philosophy  
Florida Philosophical Association